

REMARKS

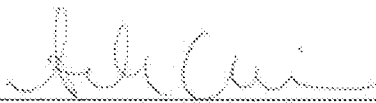
The specification is hereby amended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312 after allowance to address a typographical error relating to background information on certain methods of forming a stent. Pursuant to MPEP 714.16, the Examiner may enter a "mere correction of formal matters in the specification" that does not "change the scope of the claims" without forwarding the amendment to the supervisory patent examiner for approval. The present amendment to the specification contains no new matter and does not change the scope of the allowed claims.

The amendment to the specification corrects a typographical error with regard to the identification of a patent cited in reference to a method of forming a stent by rolling an etched flat sheet into a tubular shape and welding the edges of the sheet together. The specification as filed provides a description of this method and refers to U.S. Patent No. 5,836,964.

In the event any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-4387, Order No. 92077.003.

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